(b) if so, the details of other discussions held during the meeting; and

(c) the action plan suggested to tackle the situation and save the tourism industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) In the meeting of the National Tourism Advisory Council held on 30th March, 2005, *inter-alia* the issue of depleting population of wildlife was raised in the context of setting up of a Crisis Management Cell in Ministry of Tourism to deal with such issues.

(b) Issues concerning building infrastructure with focused and coordinated efforts to cope with the large flow of tourist traffic, shortage of hotel accommodation, reduction/rationalization of taxes, improving railway infrastructure, involvement of local people/business houses in conservation of monuments, immigration problems, setting up of Convention Centres, setting up of a Tourist Promotion Board, etc. were raised by the Members.

(c) Suggestions were received for setting up of Sub-Groups involving representatives of State Governments, wherever required, to discuss the issues in greater details and make concrete recommendations.

Tourism Policy

3522. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any Tourism Policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The policy aims to position India as a global brand to take advantage of the burgeoning global travel and trade, and the vast untapped potential of India as a destination. The Policy, also aims to:

Position tourism as a major engine of economic growth;

Acknowledge the critical role of private sector, with Government working as a proactive facilitator and catalyst;

Create and develop integrated tourism circuits based on India's unique

civilization, heritage, and culture in partnership with states and private sector, and

Ensure that the tourists to India get physically invigorated, mentally rejuvenated, culturally enriched, spiritually elevated and "feel India from within".

(c) Does not arise

Additional accommodation under tourism projects in Orissa and H.P.

†3523. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed to attract tourists in Orissa in the Tenth Five Year Plan and the number of tourists visiting Orissa from the year 2002 to till date, year-wise;

(b) the number of projects being run for making arrangements of additional accommodation under the tourism projects taken up in the States of Orissa and Himachal Pradesh and the amount of money allocated as the Central share in the current plan period; and

(c) the amount of money provided so far as Central share for destination tourism, rural tourism and eco-tourism in both the States and for the projects earning huge amount of revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No targets are fixed by the States to attract tourists. The details of tourist arrivals in the State of Orissa year-wise is as below:-

Year	Domestic	Foreign
2002	3289205	23279
2003	3701245	25020
2004	4125536	28817

(b) and (c) The projects sanctioned for the State of Orissa and Himachal Pradesh scheme-wise in the Tenth Plan are as follows:-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.